



DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA OCTOBER 1983

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.10). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—															
September	9,863		35.7	8,818	8,703	37,913	35,627	368	396	463	470	36.5	32.9	271	214
October	9,562		36.3	8,697	8,858	34,355	35,338	372	385	479	457	32.9	30.9	296	246
November	10,512	18,597	39.0	8,381	8,870	34,607	37,862	414	435	458	431	30.7	27.2	232	199
December	7,599		30.1	8,293	8,823	28,729	34,538	413	414	420	432	24.4	26.6	184	176
January	5,166		25.2	7,942	8,739	26,138	31,886	389	373	268	407	4.1	13.4	51	132
February	8,522	21,156	40.0	8,001	8,974	30,745	37,389	399	425	389	401	30.6	30.5	154	162
March	10,542		45.4	8,839	9,026	35,018	37,579	430	415	429	405	31.2	26.2	176	160
April	7,329		41.1	8,455	9,077	34,549	38,047	396	414	348	342	24.5	29.2	141	164
May	8,963	17,714	45.1	9,235	8,960	40,980	37,345	472	445	389	364	29.2	25.5	149	166
June	9,924		41.8	9,911	9,024	42,869	36,153	486	489	421	416	29.4	26.3	175	173
1983-84—															
July	9,959		42.6	10,461	9,064	45,022	35,560	518	494	410	376	31.4	29.4	200	198
August	1,084	n.y.a.	9.997	8,853	40,387	33,830	519	480	419	406	341	30.2	23.3	204	205
September	1,096	n.y.a.	9.251	9,169	38,180	36,139	503	534	450	447	33.0	29.9	249	205	
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9,142	9,315	38,532	39,833	518	537	433	418	30.4	28.6	223	187	

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m(a)		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m(a)		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(b)	Whole milk intake by factorist(c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total % of total receipts received by tonnes brokers(d)		Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—															
September	3,060	2,659	843	819	10,357	9,525	241	214	353.4	624	467	101.835	81.4		
October	3,371	2,735	1,065	960	11,763	10,252	203	189	355.5	742	464	107.114	80.5		
November	2,923	3,154	1,116	882	11,395	10,633	200	197	356.4	707	450	92.208	78.9	34,312	34,300
December	2,915	2,090	777	814	10,895	9,378	182	201	357.7	628	447	47.095	73.9		
January	687	1,819	523	979	12,104	10,121	160	187	359.2	529	456	30.443	82.0		
February	2,551	2,636	943	880	9,735	10,121	182	188	362.6	382	436	39.125	78.2	33,944	33,988
March	3,128	2,855	986	826	11,565	10,566	199	184	365.5	330	428	40.822	73.1		
April	2,602	2,616	845	892	11,423	12,680	170	186	370.1	277	447	23.034	70.8		
May	2,879	2,805	695	756	11,830	10,974	161	157	372.7	274	532	23.105	72.9	33,350	33,375
June	3,583	3,175	888	891	15,860	13,331	174	174	374.0	274	562	30.809	73.0		
1983-84—															
July	3,126	2,838	669	689	12,919	11,376	173	177	375.9	345	541	41.599	80.8		
August	3,130	2,855	816	772	13,637	12,541	188	180	376.1	508	495	81.183	81.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
September	3,873	3,257	856	867	14,544	13,316	187	171	n.y.a.	655	487	101.771	81.8		
October	3,075	2,675	903	843	13,121	11,536	180	169	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) The Commodity composition of this series has changed following the introduction of a revised production commodity classification for textile items. Figures on the new basis are available from July 1979. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (e) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1982-83—		£			200	-725	1,704	8,396
September	1,720	1,876			201	-776	1,245	8,888
October	1,874	2,077	4,617	4,545	202	-393	1,074	9,395
November	2,028	1,992			190	-513	1,201	10,094
December	1,820	1,698			199	-348	708	10,850
January	1,928	1,383			201	-557	-501	9,979
February	1,641	1,621	4,343	4,075	209	-600	822	10,365
March	1,771	1,840			210	-587	1,573	11,404
April	1,612	1,559			213	-364	257	11,124
May	2,068	1,773	4,281	4,233	213	-712	520	10,748
June	1,893	1,858						
1983-84—		£				£	£	
July	2,029	2,013			213	-455	562	10,868
August	1,963	2,014	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r213	-689	1,060	11,169
September	1,844	1,850			p211	-569	310	10,672
October	n.y.a.	1,924			n.y.a.	-494	1,755	11,621

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to SA at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)								New motor cars and station wagons registered '000				Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.								
1982-83—																
September	3,163	3,254							39.2	39.4	11.3	11.4				3,960
October	3,283	3,344							36.5	38.6	11.4	12.0				3,963
November	3,494	3,389	5,501	5,103	3,841	3,275	2,009	1,679	36.2	36.1	10.5	10.9				3,998
December	4,589	3,314							47.7	47.0	9.9	10.2				4,031
January	3,133	3,433							26.2	32.4	8.7	10.9				3,989
February	3,081	3,482	5,105	5,269	2,975	3,442	1,603	1,737	29.7	32.1	10.5	11.3				3,962
March	3,473	3,525							43.5	40.1	13.5	12.1				3,991
April	3,376	3,489							31.4	33.6	10.8	11.6				3,960
May	3,418	3,416	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	38.0	36.4	11.9	11.3				4,004
June	3,317	3,462							39.3	36.3	11.7	9.9				4,011
1983-1984—																
July	3,373	3,534	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	35.1	33.5	10.6	9.8				4,003
August	3,472	3,552							42.6	37.6	11.7	10.9				4,002
September	3,487	3,546							r36.4	37.5	r10.3	10.7				3,999
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p36.2	p36.2	p10.1	p10.6				n.y.a.

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: July \$170m, August \$178m, September \$168m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

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Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$/wk)		Award rates of pay index(a)(b), adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100(d)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(e)
1982-83—													
August	333.70	221.80	181.5	1.26	118.5	114.0	111.2	118.9	119.1	121.1	116.0	143.1	103.3
September			182.2										
October			182.7										
November	341.50	223.60	183.6	1.30	122.0	116.8	113.7	122.3	123.6	122.7	124.0	151.2	105.7
December			184.4										
January			184.6										
February	345.00	230.30	184.6	1.14	124.7	118.9	113.9	124.1	125.5	126.4	125.8	157.4	109.8
March			184.8										
April			184.9										
May	347.30	231.80	184.9	1.19	127.3	124.2	117.8	126.0	127.1	126.4	128.5	161.1	112.0
June			185.1										
1983-84—													
July			185.2										
August	353.80	233.40	185.2	1.20	129.4	125.6	117.8	127.4	129.1	130.9	131.2	164.5	113.2
September			185.2										

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employees. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6301.0), and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) New series. See *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, September 1982* (6312.0). (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see *August issue of Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.00. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (e) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

index series. March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE															
Month	Price indexes										New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m/%)				
	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings 1000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total(a) \$m		Dwellings commenced(a) 1000 units		Materials used in building o/h-r than house building(c)	Materials used in building o/h-r than house building(c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1982-83—															
August	792.2	770.6	9.6	9.3	123.4	2,553.6	2,499.5	26.6	25.8	405.8	137.0	1,368.7	1,412.4	2,733.2	2,756.2
September	725.5	704.8	9.3	9.0	108.3					408.4	138.1				
October	722.3	743.0	8.6	8.6	126.4					409.7	138.6				
November	753.9	689.4	9.6	8.9	111.9	2,167.0	2,269.0	25.0	24.5	410.7	139.2	(d) 1,224.6	(d) 1,066.4	3,111.6	2,971.0
December	740.2	757.8	8.4	9.0	162.0					412.4	140.2				
January	740.2	757.8	8.4	9.2	98.3					415.7	141.2				
February	570.8	740.3	7.1	9.2	273.2	2,026.3	2,013.8	24.0	25.7	418.9	141.6	915.3	1,077.7	2,351.4	2,711.2
March	829.1	939.0	9.6	10.7	273.2					422.5	142.3				
April	809.6	743.3	11.4	9.9	130.8					425.2	142.9				
May	714.9	797.0	9.7	10.3	199.3	2,414.3	2,374.1	29.4	28.9	426.8	143.6	941.0	911.5	2,310.3	2,837.9
June	930.4	832.2	11.7	10.6	217.7					429.3	144.2				
1983-84—															
August	830.4	834.8	10.4	10.9	128.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p431.7	p144.6	p772.2	p797.6	p2,633.3	p2,655.0
September	1,014.5	953.0	12.4	11.7	186.9					p434.7	p145.1				
October	978.1	952.2	12.5	12.3	156.3					p437.1	p146.2				

Source: Statistics Canada, Building and Publishing Building Activity Statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue.

Notes: (a) Includes building of new houses and other buildings. (b) Includes building of new houses and other buildings. (c) Includes building of new houses and other buildings.

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(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8703.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (d) Prior to December Quarter 1982, data include the value of speculatively built construction projects by enterprises in the finance, property and business services industries. (e) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

FINANCE														
Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m							
1982-83—														3,019
September	25,344	25,360	30,631	31,013	22,817	22,822	28,569	369	108	88	15.20			3,245
October	25,704	25,610	30,613	30,640	23,121	22,860	28,930	356	114	86	14.40	705.2		4,177
November	25,910	25,905	31,022	30,973	22,948	22,815	28,939	384	129	92	14.20			3,251
December	27,063	26,917	31,424	30,917	22,866	22,693	28,937	379	128	95	14.00			3,656
January	28,155	27,950	30,321	29,730	22,690	22,812	28,579	348	123	79	12.55	(-)-214.8		3,768
February	28,935	28,646	30,177	29,315	22,642	23,060	28,273	447	198	96	13.00			4,160
March	28,681	28,727	31,305	30,091	23,242	23,569	28,134	509	222	120	14.10			5,739
April	28,424	28,862	31,439	31,031	23,648	23,506	28,062	366	179	108	12.60	35.4		5,198
May	29,106	29,436	31,389	31,888	23,860	23,590	28,016	435	222	128	12.10			4,271
June	30,006	29,959	31,560	32,313	23,916	24,070	28,075	434	196	108	13.70			
1983-84—														3,468
July	30,352	30,408	31,432	32,628	24,010	23,933	28,207	395	182	98	13.60	n.y.a.		4,210
August	31,034	31,027	31,373	32,134	23,980	24,017	28,191	488	217	110	14.00			3,058
September	31,528	31,524	31,638	32,219	24,260	24,267	28,259	448	211	119	13.00			n.y.a.
October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	31,958	32,008	24,948	24,675	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.30			

For further details see the monthly statement of finance company activity.

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(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)																		
							Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure								
							Private		Government		Private		Public						
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
AT CURRENT PRICES																			
1981-82—																			
March	34,960	37,061	1,352	1,797	33,608	35,264	21,642	22,624	5,753	6,166	5,830	6,471	2,656	3,003					
June	36,963	38,630	770	1,764	36,193	36,866	23,277	23,513	6,976	6,768	7,347	6,929	3,327	2,885					
1982-83—																			
September	39,020	39,438	1,273	1,479	37,747	37,959	24,003	24,109	6,595	6,690	6,402	6,473	3,173	3,381					
December	44,241	40,590	2,576	1,367	41,665	39,223	26,364	24,910	7,656	7,276	6,566	6,240	3,415	3,335					
March	38,179	40,334	1,070	1,344	37,109	38,990	24,433	25,557	7,036	7,541	5,470	6,086	2,811	3,185					
June	39,452	40,610	692	1,366	38,760	39,244	25,449	25,706	7,455	7,225	6,164	5,813	4,033	3,497					

AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1981-82—														
March	28,358	30,329	1,487	1,951	26,871	28,378	17,891	18,706	4,509	4,803	4,697	5,216	2,083	2,355
June	28,962	30,366	1,116	1,970	27,846	28,396	18,808	18,959	5,170	5,002	5,704	5,373	2,507	2,175
1982-83—														
Sept.	30,067	30,356	1,716	1,740	28,351	28,616	18,703	18,826	4,874	4,964	4,826	4,882	2,298	2,448
December	33,228	30,123	2,554	1,543	30,674	28,580	20,036	18,910	5,399	5,157	4,876	4,637	2,419	2,363
March	27,948	29,851	1,200	1,513	26,748	28,338	18,163	19,024	5,043	5,372	3,978	4,427	1,963	2,224
June	28,169	29,167	853	1,450	27,316	27,717	18,492	18,635	5,267	5,087	4,391	4,138	2,779	2,410

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises																Wages, salaries and supplements	Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income	
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies				Other													
					Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.											
Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1981-82—																						
March	7,317	7,274	5,767	5,776	3,378	3,807	6,658	7,518	20,135	21,062	444	8,885	6,295	23,169								
June	7,539	7,589	6,122	5,941	4,017	4,231	6,152	7,578	21,775	21,901	-126	11,656	8,952	24,353								
1982-83—																						
September	7,474	7,381	6,133	6,272	3,793	3,792	7,851	7,795	22,690	22,946	370	10,029	5,704	27,385								
December	7,076	7,170	6,222	6,227	4,831	4,197	9,984	8,037	24,080	23,020	1,596	12,840	5,529	32,987								
March	6,544	6,504	5,925	5,986	3,666	4,098	7,231	7,947	21,862	22,997	144	10,899	6,464	26,441								
June	6,882	6,931	6,279	6,166	4,373	4,601	6,586	7,702	22,706	22,632	-221	13,684	9,030	27,140								

a. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**JOB
VACANCIES
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CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (' 000)							UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) (' 000)							(' 000)
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (c)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons		
1982-83—														
September	4,352.9	4,345.5	2,567.1	2,548.5	6,920.0	6,894.0	271.6	149.1	85.2	293.7	212.1	505.9		
October	4,354.6	4,376.9	2,582.4	2,581.8	6,937.0	6,958.7	286.6	158.4	91.8	307.3	229.6	536.8		16.4
November	4,331.2	4,373.7	2,571.4	2,568.8	6,902.6	6,942.5	313.5	170.4	68.1	326.9	225.1	552.0		
December	4,412.4	4,351.1	2,618.4	2,582.7	7,030.8	6,933.8	378.4	206.8	88.8	404.7	269.2	674.0		
January	4,361.3	4,336.8	2,495.1	2,581.6	6,856.4	6,918.4	409.2	216.2	66.2	431.5	260.2	691.7		16.9
February	4,400.6	4,359.8	2,601.7	2,587.0	7,002.2	6,946.9	418.2	234.7	94.4	441.3	305.9	747.3		
March	4,387.2	4,362.5	2,645.3	2,602.6	7,032.4	6,965.1	412.2	223.8	95.6	435.3	296.4	731.6		
April	4,364.9	4,375.6	2,585.4	2,574.4	6,950.3	6,950.1	407.2	203.2	96.7	410.6	276.6	707.2		17.5
May	4,368.7	4,373.2	2,611.4	2,605.2	6,980.1	6,978.5	413.4	212.6	92.6	436.0	282.5	718.6		
June	4,355.2	4,385.5	2,590.5	2,599.8	6,945.7	6,985.3	408.2	203.8	79.0	424.8	266.2	691.1		
1983-84—														
July	4,368.9	4,389.7	2,600.4	2,611.7	6,969.3	7,001.5	407.5	190.1	87.1	429.4	255.3	684.8		16.7
August	4,340.5	4,374.8	2,576.3	2,601.8	6,916.7	6,976.6	409.5	195.7	78.9	429.7	254.4	684.1		
September	4,415.0	4,408.2	2,653.7	2,636.5	7,068.7	7,043.4	410.7	207.0	101.1	435.3	283.4	718.7		
October	4,368.8	4,395.2	2,613.4	2,615.7	6,982.2	7,010.9	385.0	181.5	85.1	401.2	250.4	651.6		

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
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Month	Civilian employees										Defence Forces(b)	Total Government	
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total				
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females			Persons
1982—													
May	275.1	128.5	581.8	422.4	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.8	968.7	586.4	1,555.1	73.3	1,628.4
June	274.7	127.4	582.3	427.5	7.6	6.6	104.5	28.9	969.0	590.5	1,559.5	73.2	1,632.7
July	273.9	128.2	581.2	426.7	7.5	6.5	104.2	29.0	966.8	590.4	1,557.2	73.2	1,630.4
August	274.4	128.7	580.9	428.1	7.5	6.3	104.2	28.9	967.0	592.0	1,559.0	73.1	1,632.1
September	275.0	129.6	580.5	428.8	7.5	6.3	104.1	29.2	967.2	594.0	1,561.1	73.0	1,634.1
October	275.5	130.0	580.1	429.4	7.6	6.4	104.2	29.4	967.3	595.2	1,562.5	73.1	1,635.6
November	276.2	130.9	579.8	427.6	7.6	6.3	104.3	29.6	967.9	594.3	1,562.3	73.0	1,635.3
December	277.1	131.5	578.1	422.1	7.5	6.1	104.4	29.3	967.1	589.1	1,556.2	72.7	1,628.9
1983—													
January	276.4	130.8	579.2	410.1	7.6	6.3	104.7	29.2	968.0	576.4	1,544.4	73.1	1,617.5
February	276.7	131.2	582.2	423.9	7.6	6.4	105.7	30.0	972.2	591.5	1,563.7	73.2	1,636.9
March	276.1	131.4	585.2	429.0	7.7	6.3	105.8	30.3	974.8	597.1	1,571.8	73.2	1,645.0
April	276.9	132.5	585.5	431.5	7.7	6.5	107.3	30.5	977.4	601.1	1,578.4	73.1	1,651.5
May	276.7	133.0	586.0	428.7	7.8	6.6	108.0	30.8	978.5	599.1	1,577.5	72.9	1,650.4
June	276.7	132.5	586.6	434.0	7.7	6.5	107.1	31.1	978.1	604.1	1,582.2	72.8	1,655.0

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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